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or permission for the aircraft to depart from the United States.

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Subpart H—Documents Required for Clearance and Permission To Depart; Electronic Manifest Requirements for Passengers, Crew Members, and Non-Crew Members Onboard Commercial Aircraft Departing From the United States

§ 122.71 Aircraft departing with no commercial export cargo.

(a) *Application.* This section applies to aircraft departing for foreign territory with no export cargo, but not to those aircraft which are themselves being exported.

(1) Such aircraft may clear by telephone in advance with the director of the port of departure if departing empty or carrying only:

- (i) Passengers for hire; or
- (ii) Non-commercial cargo for which Shipper's Export Declarations are not required.

(2) If not cleared by telephone, an air cargo manifest containing the following statement, signed by the aircraft commander or agent, shall be submitted to Customs:

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that there is no cargo on board this aircraft.

Signature _____
(Aircraft Commander or Agent)

(b) *Timeliness.* The request for telephone clearance must be received by the Customs officer in charge with sufficient time remaining before departure to ensure that Customs may undertake any necessary examination of the aircraft and cargo.

(c) *Documentation.* If clearance is granted by telephone, the aircraft commander is not required to file the documents required by this subpart.

§ 122.72 Aircraft departing with commercial export cargo.

If an aircraft with export cargo leaves the U.S. for any foreign area, a general declaration, if required, an air cargo manifest and any required Shipper's Export Declarations, shall be filed

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in accordance with this subpart for all cargo on the aircraft, and for the aircraft itself if exported as merchandise. See § 122.79 for special requirements regarding shipments to U.S. possessions.

§ 122.73 General declaration and air cargo manifest.

(a) *General declaration*—(1) *Form.* The general declaration shall be on Customs Form 7507 and shall show all information required.

(2) *Preparation and filing.* The aircraft commander or agent shall file two copies of the general declaration with Customs at the departure airport.

(3) *Exception.* A general declaration shall not be required if the air cargo manifest, Customs Form 7509, contains the statement shown in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Air cargo manifest*—(1) *Form.* The air cargo manifest shall be on Customs Form 7509, and shall show all information required. If a general declaration is not presented, the following statement, signed by the aircraft commander or agent, shall appear on the form:

I declare that all statements contained in this manifest, including the account of the cargo on board this aircraft, are complete, exact, and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____
(Aircraft Commander or Agent)

(2) *Preparation and filing.* The aircraft commander or agent shall file two copies of the air cargo manifest with the Customs at the departure airport. Three copies of the air cargo manifest shall be filed if the aircraft is covered by § 122.77(b). The air cargo manifest must be filed in:

- (i) Complete form, with all required Shipper's Export Declarations (see § 122.75); or
- (ii) Incomplete form (pro forma) under § 122.74.

§ 122.74 Incomplete (pro forma) manifest.

(a) *Application*—(1) *Shipments to foreign countries.* Except for aircraft bound for foreign locations referred to in paragraph (b) of this section, clearance, or permission to depart may be given to an aircraft bound for a foreign location by the Customs at the departure airport before a complete manifest or

all required Shipper's Export Declarations have been filed, if a proper bond is filed on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in subpart G of part 113 of this chapter.

(2) *Shipments to Puerto Rico.* As provided in §122.79(b), any required air cargo manifest or Shipper's Export Declarations for direct flights between the U.S. and Puerto Rico shall be filed with the appropriate Customs officer upon arrival in Puerto Rico. If any required manifest or Shipper's Export Declarations are not filed with the appropriate Customs officer within one business day after arrival in Puerto Rico, a proper bond shall be filed at that time on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in subpart G of part 113 of this chapter.

(b) *Exceptions.* An incomplete manifest will not be accepted:

(1) During any time covered by a proclamation of the President that a state of war exists between foreign nations; or

(2) If the aircraft is departing on a flight from the U.S. directly or indirectly to a foreign country listed in §4.75 of this chapter.

In both cases, a complete air cargo manifest and all required Shipper's Export Declarations shall be filed with the port director before the aircraft will be cleared.

(c) *Filing under bond.* An incomplete set of documents may be filed only when accompanied by the proper bond. Under the bond, a complete set of documents shall be filed within whichever of the following time periods is appropriate:

(1) *Shipments to foreign countries.* All required Shipper's Export Declarations and a complete air cargo manifest shall be filed by the airline not later than the fourth business day after clearance (when clearance is required) or departure (when clearance is not required) of the aircraft.

(2) *Shipments to and from Puerto Rico.* For shipments from the U.S. to Puerto Rico, the complete manifest (when required) and all required Shipper's Export Declarations shall be filed not later than the seventh business day after arrival into Puerto Rico. For shipments from Puerto Rico to the U.S., the complete manifest (when re-

quired) and all required Shipper's Export Declarations shall be filed not later than the seventh business day after departure from Puerto Rico.

(3) *Shipments to U.S. possessions.* For shipments between the U.S. or Puerto Rico and possessions of the U.S., a complete manifest and all required Shipper's Export Declarations shall be filed by the airline not later than the seventh business day after departure. See §122.79.

(d) *Declaration required.* A declaration shall be made on the incomplete manifest that:

(1) All required documents will be filed within the 4-day bond period; or

(2) All required documents will be filed within the 7-day bond period.

Once all documents have been filed, a statement as required by §122.75(b) shall be made.

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§ 122.75 Complete manifest.

(a) *Contents.* A complete air cargo manifest shall list all cargo laden, and show for each item the air waybill number, or marks and numbers on packages and the type of goods carried. If an item does not require a Shipper's Export Declaration, it shall be noted on the air cargo manifest.

(1) *Shipments on an air waybill.* A copy of each air waybill on which shipments are listed may be attached to the air cargo manifest, and the number of the air waybill may be listed on the air cargo manifest. The statement "Cargo as per Air Waybill Attached" must appear on the air cargo manifest if this is done.

(2) *Direct departure.* This subsection applies only to direct departures of shipments requiring a Shipper's Export Declaration. A copy of each declaration may be attached to the air cargo manifest, and the number of each declaration shall be listed on the air cargo manifest in the column for air waybill numbers. The statement "Cargo as per Export Declarations Attached" must appear on the manifest if this is done.

(b) *Statement required.* (1) When all required documents are ready for filing, the following statement must appear on the air cargo manifest, or on the